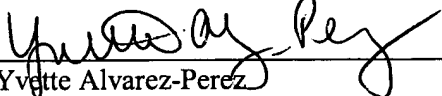


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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir or Madam:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on August 31, 2004. A petition for a three-month extension of time for filing a reply is filed concurrently to extend the time for filing a reply from November 30, 2004 to February 28, 2005. To permit the Examiner time to consider the Amendment, Applicants have filed a Notice of Appeal concurrently. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent applications in view of the following remarks:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.